

All District Engineers

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Special Provision for Mulching Seeded Areas

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This special provision was developed by the Illinois Highway Development Council to add another material option for mulching seeded areas. It also removes the option of coating the mulch with emulsified asphalt as specified in Method 2.

This special provision should be inserted into all contracts containing Mulch, Methods 2 and 4.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 21, 2005 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory October 1, 2004.

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MULCHING SEEDED AREAS (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2005

Delete Article 251.02(a) of the Standard Specifications.

Add the following to Article 251.02 of the Standard Specifications:

“(h) Compost 1081.05(b)”

Delete Article 251.03(b)(1) of the Standard Specifications.

Add the following to Article 251.03 of the Standard Specifications:

“(d) Method 4. This method shall consist of applying compost combined with a performance additive designed to bind/stabilize the compost. The compost/performance additive mixture shall be applied to the surface of the slope using a pneumatic blower at a depth of 50 mm (2 in.).”

Revise the first sentence of the first paragraph of Article 251.06(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“Mulch Methods 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be measured for payment in hectares (acres) of surface area mulched.”

Revise Article 251.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“251.07 Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per hectare (acre) for MULCH, METHOD 1; MULCH, METHOD 2; MULCH, METHOD 3; or MULCH, METHOD 4; and at the contract unit price per square meter (square yard) for EROSION CONTROL BLANKET or HEAVY DUTY EROSION CONTROL BLANKET.”

Add the following after the second paragraph of Article 1081.05(b) of the Standard Specifications:

“Chemical Compost Binder. Chemical compost binder shall be a commercially available product specifically recommended by the manufacturer for use as a compost stabilizer.

The compost binder shall be nonstaining and nontoxic to vegetation and the environment. It shall disperse evenly and rapidly and remain in suspension when agitated in water.

Prior to use of the compost binder, the Contractor shall submit a notarized certification by the manufacturer stating that it meets these requirements. Chemical compost binder shall be packaged, stored, and shipped according to the manufacturer's recommendations with the net quantity plainly shown on each package or container.”